(d) what are the backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Introduction of new scheme regarding DEPB

3260. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce new scheme regarding Duty Entitlement Passbook as the present scheme has not found acceptability amongst large number of exporters;

(b) what are the new salient points of the proposed scheme and whether the views of professional bodies like FICCI, CIL, Export Council of India, etc. have been taken into consideration; and

(c) what is the time-frame for introduction of the proposed scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) For next one year, Government does not propose to introduce any scheme replacing the Duty Entitlement Pass Book Scheme.

(b) and (c) In view of answer at (a), not applicable.

Setting up of Gender Budget Units in 18 Ministries

3261. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in his Budget speech last year (2005-06) it had been mentioned about setting up Gender Budget Units in 18 Ministries as well as making benefit-incidence analysis to see if allocated money was being effectively spent or not; and

(b) what action was taken in the matter and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Gender Budgeting Cells have been set up in 32 Ministries/Departments. Nine Ministries and Departments have also initiated an exercise under the guidance of Ministry of Women & Child Development and National Institute of Public Finance & Policy for the preparation of public